AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-9 are cancelled.

10. (currently amended) An extension device for an automotive vehicle ~~such as a dumper comprising:~~ including a forward vehicle section supporting a prime mover and being provided with front wheels and a first articulation member, and a rear, load-carrying vehicle section being provided with rear wheels and a second articulation member, wherein the first and second articulation members are adapted to fit to each other, said extension device being adapted for insertion between the forward and rear vehicle sections in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle for extending the length of the vehicle, said extension device ~~further~~ comprising~~,~~:

a framework with a front end section adapted to be connected to the forward vehicle section and a rear end section adapted to be connected to the rear vehicle section, and wherein at least one of said end sections includes ~~is provided with~~ a third articulation member for connection with one of said first or second articulation members for forming an articulation joint so as to allow pivoting of said forward and rear vehicle sections in relation to each other about the longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

11. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein the third articulation member comprises a cylindrical portion having a circular cross section and an axis of symmetry running in an extension direction of the extension device.

12. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein the third articulation member comprises a pivot pin having a circular cross section.

13. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein the third articulation member comprises a pivot sleeve having a circular cross section.

14. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein the front end section of the extension device comprises the third articulation member comprising a pivot sleeve having a circular cross section.

15. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein the rear end section of the extension device comprises the third articulation member and the third articulation member comprises a pivot pin having a circular cross section.

16. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein said framework comprises at least two substantially parallel girder sections extending between said end sections.

17. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 10, wherein said framework comprises an upper supporting portion, a lower supporting portion and side portions, said side portions extending between said end sections.

18. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 17, wherein said upper supporting portion includes an aperture allowing access to the inside of the extension device.

19. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 12, wherein said pivot pin is hollow and internally including a bearing for supporting a cardan shaft portion.

20. (previously presented) An extension device according to claim 19, wherein a brake caliper is fixedly connected to the extension device inside the device for co-operating with a brake disc arranged on the cardan shaft portion in order to brake the shaft.

21. (currently amended) An extension device for an automotive vehicle ~~such as a dumper, comprising:~~ including a forward vehicle section supporting a prime mover and being provided with front wheels and a first articulation member, and a rear, load-carrying vehicle section being provided with rear wheels and a second articulation member, wherein the first and second articulation members are adapted to fit to each other, said extension device being adapted for insertion between the forward and rear vehicle sections in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle for extending the length of the vehicle, said extension device ~~further~~ comprising~~,~~:

a framework with a front end section adapted to be connected to the forward vehicle section and a rear end section adapted to be connected to the rear vehicle section, wherein at least one of said end sections is provided with a third articulation member for connection with one of said first or second articulation members for forming an articulation joint so as to allow pivoting of said forward and rear vehicle sections in relation to each other about the

longitudinal direction of said vehicle, and wherein the third articulation member comprises a cylindrical portion having ~~with~~ a circular cross section and an axis of symmetry running in an extension direction of the extension device.

22. (currently amended) An extension device for an automotive vehicle ~~such as a dumper, comprising:~~ including a forward vehicle section supporting a prime mover and being provided with front wheels and a first articulation member, and a rear, load-carrying vehicle section being provided with rear wheels and a second articulation member, wherein the first and second articulation members are adapted to fit to each other, said extension device being adapted for insertion between the forward and rear vehicle sections in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle for extending the length of the vehicle~~, said extension device further~~ and comprising~~,~~:

a framework ~~with~~ having a front end section adapted to be connected to the forward vehicle section and a rear end section adapted to be connected to the rear vehicle section, and wherein the rear end section of the extension device ~~comprises~~ includes a third articulation member including a pivot pin having a circular cross section for connection with the second articulation member for forming an articulation joint so as to allow pivoting of said forward and rear vehicle sections in relation to each other about the longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

23. (currently amended) An automotive vehicle ~~such as a dumper, comprising:~~ including a forward vehicle section supporting a prime mover and being provided with front wheels and a first articulation member, and a rear, load-carrying vehicle section being provided with rear wheels and a second articulation member, wherein the first and second articulation members are

adapted to fit to each other, and wherein an extension device is fitted between the forward and rear vehicle sections in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle for extending the length of the vehicle, said extension device comprising:

a framework with a front end section connected to the forward vehicle section and a rear end section connected to the rear vehicle section, wherein at least one of said end sections is provided with a third articulation member for connection with one of said first or second articulation members for forming an articulation joint so as to allow pivoting of said forward and rear vehicle sections in relation to each other about the longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

24. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the third articulation member comprises a cylindrical portion with a circular cross section and an axis of symmetry running in the longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

25. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the third articulation member comprises a pivot pin having a circular cross section.

26. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the third articulation member comprises a pivot sleeve having a circular cross section.

27. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the front end section of the extension device is provided with the third articulation member comprising a pivot sleeve having a circular cross section.

28. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23 wherein the rear end section of the extension device is provided with the third articulation member and the third articulation member comprises a pivot pin having a circular cross section.

29. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said framework comprises at least two substantially parallel girders extending between said end sections.

30. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said framework comprises an upper supporting portion, a lower supporting portion and side portions, said side portions extending between said end sections.

31. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 30, wherein said upper supporting portion includes an aperture allowing access to the inside of the extension device.

32. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 25, wherein said pivot pin is hollow and internally provided with a bearing for supporting a cardan shaft portion.

33. (previously presented) An automotive vehicle according to claim 32, wherein a brake caliper is fixedly connected to the extension device inside the device for co-operating with a brake disc arranged on the cardan shaft portion for braking the shaft.